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Dear Mr. Offie:

There is not much I can write you. I tried my best to complete that paper but the difficulty is that we do not have the necessary matériel and, on the other hand, there are tremendous gaps in my memory caused mainly by that circumstance that the period after 1929-1930 was the beginning of mass purges and annihilation of numerous people. Thus after 1930 hundreds of people who were sent to China were immediately recalled and executed. It was a coming and going and if one does not have his diaries he cannot remember anything.

True
I guess a few weeks ago you had another reason for remembering me. Do you remember my incredible story about the plan to bring 20 Million Chinese to the USSR? I told you this at your home and a few days later you mentioned it at Mr. [] home. Now the first million has been driven to the USSR and the other 19 million will follow them. You also asked me what the result of China's becoming red would be. I answered: Soviet naval bases. Now you read in the papers that seven ports would be given to the Soviet "in the event of war". This means that war supply is already being stored somewhere close to those bases.

True
I read in a paper that the USSR has about 70-80 submarines in the Pacific. I can add that the primary plan (1939-40) was to create there a submarine fleet of 250 - 300 submarines. I think that if there are not ~~now~~ 250 or 300 submarines ^{now} they will be there very soon.

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I am writing this not because I want to impress you and tell you that I know everything. But if you speak fairly you will not tell that I supplied you with nonsense and fantastic rubbish.

Very sincerely yours,

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